

ABSTRACT

A method of removing a residual gas from inside a
5 conventional shipping container is disclosed. The method
first involves the step of accessing the container by
opening a door of the container and fitting a panel to the
open door space. Next the method involves extracting at
least some of the residual gas present in the container via
10 an outlet valve located at the panel using an external
suction pump. Finally the method involves providing a flow
of a flushing gas into the container via an inlet valve
located at the panel to flush residual gas from the
container. The total pressure of gases in the container
15 can be monitored and controlled by adjusting the flow of
gases in the inlet and outlet holes or valves.